

Briefing and Leads for Plan XVI Questura Contacts

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I. General

1. Security: All Questura contacts must be impressed with the need for the maximum security in the pursuit of their activity. To this end the range of their associates should be limited to those of absolute reliability and to the smallest number possible. Experience has shown that excellent results can be obtained by an active nucleus of three persons working along systematic lines.

2. Techniques: It is recommended that each contact prepare lists of the German-Fascist collaborators in his respective area. Special attention to the members and leaders of the Black Brigades, the various political offices, etc. It should be noted however that the contact should aim at something more than a mere black list. It must be a list from which can be culled potential enemy espionage agents. Therefore particular care should be taken to individualize those in the community who have had regular contacts over a long time span with the Germans, who have travelled on behalf of the Germans to other localities and returned or who have had "special instruction" of any sort.

3. The most productive portion of the suspect list will be the names and addresses of all persons in each locality with known W/T ability. These names should be ascertained from whatever sources that are available in each city. Interception services, Fascist W/T schools should be penetrated with a view to getting as many names as possible. It should be kept in mind that W/T operators are a community in themselves; a "white" contact with W/T experience is a good way to penetrate the whole group in an area with similar talents. If active net-work recruiting is going on and comes to the attention of our contact, he should attempt to infiltrate one or more of our own agents. Note that all Italians with a *Figli degli Italiani al Estero* background are suspect; most have had W/T experience. The names of all such in each city should be included in the suspect list.

4. It is possible that the names of stay-behinds, of persons recruited for missions, who are willing defectors will come to the attention of our contact. In all cases the first rule should be to advise the defector to go as far as possible in the penetration of the enemy service.

5. If possible the escape of one or two of the known members of the German Espionage or GE service should be prevented at the moment that they prepare to evacuate before the arrival of our troops. They should be delivered alive.

6. Contact with American GE units will be made as soon after the fall of the city as possible. In most cases these units will themselves seek the contact who will be known to us beforehand. The contact should therefore have his suspect list ready at the time of the entrance of our forces and wait for the contact to be established. After the contact has been established he should hold himself available with his assistants for whatever executive work that will be necessary.

7. The foregoing methods are only the more important which have been proven efficient by past operations. The only inflexible rule is that of security, not only of what is said but as well what will necessarily have to be written. For the rest the contact in each city should operate with the widest latitude in preparing his suspect list, adjusting his procedures to the local conditions with intelligence and imagination.

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